

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Palm Sunday
for the week of April 5

1. Have you ever considered how much of the Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus focus on the last week of his life? What does that tell us about what it means to follow Jesus?

Read Mark 11:1-11

2. What is confusing to you about this passage? What is challenging?
3. On Sunday we looked at the expectation as Jesus enters Jerusalem that he could be the Messiah. Have you ever heard about this expectation of a Messiah coming to save God's people? If not, what questions do you have about that?
4. What does it mean as followers of Jesus today that Jesus is the Messiah? What can we learn here about waiting for and expecting Jesus to one day return?
5. If Jesus is going to establish a kingdom and make all things right, why should we seek to do good and make a difference in our world right now?
6. Why do you think Jesus looks over the Temple, and then turns around and leaves? What does this detail communicate about how Jesus feels about what is going to happen this week? For what is going to happen to the Temple and the current religious practices of God's people?
7. Jesus' concern ultimately is to address every single person's spiritual need, not set up a physical kingdom. How is your present reality pushing you to consider your spiritual need?
8. Are you reading through the Passion week so far this week? What is God revealing to you about yourself as you are walking through Jesus' last week?

Close by encouraging your group to be open to discovering more about what it means to follow Jesus as we walk alongside him this Passion week.

Closing challenge: Who are you going to invite to Easter online at RVCC this year? How might this be easier than getting someone to attend an Easter service in person? Close by praying for open hearts for those we invite this year to join us online, and for open doors to spiritual conversations afterward.



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